

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-38 (Cancelled).

1 39. (Previously Presented) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that
2 can be lifted by a human, the flooring unit comprising:

3 (a) a planar matrix formed from a matrix material;

4 (b) ~~a layer of reinforcing fibers~~reinforcing fiber layer, said reinforcing fibers
5 being embedded in the matrix material for reinforcing the matrix; and

6 (c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the layer of reinforcing
7 fibers and is at least two particulate particles thick, wherein the matrix material
8 surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for mounting the particulate
9 layer to the ~~layer of reinforcing fibers~~reinforcing fiber layer.

1 40. (Currently amended) The flooring unit in accordance with claim 39, wherein the
2 particulate layer mounted to the matrix forms the traffic-bearing surface of the flooring
3 unit.

Claims 41-42 (Cancelled).

- 1 43. (New) A modular flooring unit of a discrete size and weight that can be lifted by a
2 human, the flooring unit comprising:
- 3 (a) a planar matrix formed from a matrix material;
- 4 (b) a layer of reinforcing fibers embedded in the matrix material for reinforcing
5 the matrix;
- 6 (c) a particulate layer that is mounted to a major surface of the layer of reinforcing
7 fibers and is between about one-eighth and about three quarters of one inch thick,
8 wherein the matrix material surrounds at least some of the particulate particles for
9 mounting the particulate layer to the layer of reinforcing fibers.